

Courthouse
Emmetsburg, Iowa
April 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in a special session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, Ronald Graettinger. Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Carla Larson, Jim & Sharon Neighbors, Gary Koppie; Aletha King, Zoning; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, Jordan Morey, Auditor's Office.
Present on conference call: Sean Bell, Shane Roche—Lost Island Wind; Amanda James, Attorney.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick, Merrill. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Craig Merrill, Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Faulstick, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the agenda for April 17, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the minutes for April 16, 2024. Motion Carried.

Bill Hanigan, Attorney, and Valerie Bandstra with Hanigan Law Group, PLC, met with the Board by conference call. Bill reviewed with the Board the Lost Island wind responses.

Bill reviewed the April 16 letter to clarify & review the timeframe. The Board determines that the application is complete and then has 60 days to schedule a public hearing.

Amanda James, Attorney with S&W Law Offices Sullivan & Ward, P.C. was on the conference call representing Lost Island Wind Energy LLC.

Valerie discussed the proof of waivers for each lease agreement and the decommissioning agreement. Hanigan Law Firm requested a new version of the decommissioning agreement that is robust and provided actual legal agreement with the ordinance. The parties agreed to stay with the decommissioning agreement provided by Hanigan Law Group. The Board had questions about the letter of credit.

Bill & Valerie will prepare a letter in response to the Sullivan & Ward letter and update the Board on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, by conference call.

Carla Larson & Jim Neighbors asked questions about the lease agreements and disclosure of hazardous waste materials.

Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Faulstick to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Craig Merrill, Chairman

Carmen Moser, County Auditor